

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT MINING ATTORNEYS

The 2008 annual meeting of the Conference of Government Mining Attorneys met on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, West Virginia. COGMA Chair Tom Clarke presided. Representatives from Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Missouri, Utah, Pennsylvania and the federal Solicitor's Office attended.

Minutes

Minutes from the 2007 annual meeting were read and accepted. Minutes had also been distributed to members after the 2007 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Morrison was not in attendance but provided a written Treasurer's report. The 2007 COGMA conference resulted in a small loss of \$1694.50 on income of \$8,740 and expenses of \$10,434.50. If a copy of the written report is needed, please contact Mr. Morrison or the Secretary. The Treasurer requested approval of the removal of Thomas Crowley as signatory and the addition of Robin Bowman as a signatory on the COGMA checking account. Courtney Shea moved, and the change in signatories was approved. The Wallace Stegner Center at the University of Utah School of Law wrote their appreciation for the \$500 donation in memory of Patrick O'Hara. The Treasurer's report was approved.

New Business

Location of 2009 conference.

By acclamation, Pennsylvania was accepted as the host for the 2009 conference.

Location of 2010 conference.

By acclamation, Ohio was accepted as probable host for the 2010 conference.

Location of 2011 conference.

Knoxville was discussed as the probable location for the 2011 conference.

Election of New Officers

Courtney Shea nominated Barbara Grabowski of Pennsylvania as COGMA Chair. Seconded and approved by acclamation.

Mark Bonaventura moved that Molly Corey be nominated as Vice Chair. Seconded and approved by acclamation.

Tami Patrick nominated Courtney Shea as Secretary. Seconded and approved by acclamation.

Barbara Grabowski nominated Richard Morrison as Treasurer. Seconded and approved by acclamation.

Other Business

Numerous individuals commended Tom Clarke for the excellent location and well-run conference. Tom Clarke expressed appreciation to Cindy Lawson for her excellent assistance.

Brad Smock expressed appreciation of Tom Shope and Joe Blackburn of OSM for their support of Kentucky participation in the conference.

Brad Smock spoke about Alec Mackenzie, a friend to many attorneys present at the conference, a noted bankruptcy specialist, and a person missed. He passed out information regarding a memorial bench for Alec Mackenzie to be placed in the River View Park near the Capital Plaza Tower. Courtney Shea moved that a donation from COGMA be made to the memorial fund in the amount of \$500. Seconded and passed by acclamation. Individual contributions can be made through Leigh Brown, at either 1220 Bridgeport Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or to Leigh Brown at Office of General Counsel, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Steve Alder spoke about the gratitude of University of Utah School of Law for the donations for scholarships in the name of Patrick O'Hara. Barbara Grabowski moved that an additional contribution of \$500 be made to the Patrick O'Hara scholarship fund. Seconded and approved by acclamation.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney W. Shea, Secretary
COGMA